United Nations A/CONF.217/2013/1

General Assembly

Distr.: General
25 March 2013

Original: English

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
New York, 18-28 March 2013
Agenda item 9
Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ambassador Gerald Thompson (Trinidad and Tobago)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty provides that:

> A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 18 March 2013, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-seventh session, namely, Angola, China, Peru, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 25 March 2013.

4. Ambassador Gerald Thompson was unanimously elected Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 22 March 2013 on the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the Conference. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs of the United Nations made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, have been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference by the following 92 Member States, in respect

Please recycle

of their representatives to the Conference: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Zambia.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the Conference has been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Mission concerned, by the following 87 Member States: Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, of the Member States not already mentioned in paragraphs 1 or 2 of the memorandum, the following 14 Member States had not, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding its representatives: Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, Tajikistan, Tonga, Tuvalu and Uzbekistan.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 and the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum."

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the draft resolution (see para. 13 below).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

The Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.